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WALTER WINCHELL

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
835 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I noticed your statement in this morning's column of the Mirror to the effect that Marge Connors, running against Clare Luce, was the first female F. B. I. Agent.

I did want you to know that the Bureau does not employ female Special Agents. I believe at one time a Miss Margaret E. Connors, of Fairfield, Connecticut, was employed as a special attorney in the Department of Justice with a salary of \$1.00 a year, but she was never employed by the FBI in any capacity.

Sincerely,

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running against Clare Luce, was the first female F. B. I. agent.

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Mr. Walter Winchell
The New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

The communications which you forwarded were received on September 11, 1944.

Thank you very much for referring these matters to my attention, and please be assured that the information contained therein will receive prompt consideration.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I thought you might be interested
in the article "Combating Anti-Semitism in
the United States," which begins on page 177
of the enclosed New Year's issue of The
Jewish Forum.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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New York, Oct. 1944

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Walter Winchell -

Your remarks regarding Queen

Elena of Italy unwarranted and base. She is a

great and charitable lady and has always been

kind to her people - especially the poor one

including Jews. Surely, decent Americans

will not refuse charity to Italian people.

and Kikes

Only Sheenies, who are ashamed of their race,

like Lipshitz who has become Winchell, and

thinks he can get away with it. Many of

my friends no longer come to Stork Club so as

not to meet same sort of Kike scum who go to

Reubens on 58 st. As a white

[redacted] ought to know better

than to have such a HEEL as you are in

his club.

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I am sorry that I cannot find out what
menai, menai means. Kol nidre means
"All Vows, the declaration concerning vows,
read in the Jewish synagogue on the eve of the Day
of Atonement, Yom Kippur.

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 Rm. 1609
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Dear [Redacted]

The communication which you forwarded was received on October 5, 1944.

You may be assured that the content of the letter you sent has been very carefully noted and the thought which prompted you to make these data available is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MR. TOLSON

MR. HICKS

Oct. 23, 1944

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SAC Soucy called at 11:35 a. m. station that General Liles, of the First Service Command, had inquired as to whether Soucy had any knowledge of the statement made by Walter Winchell in his broadcast last night to the effect that within the next few days announcement would be made of the arrest of saboteurs along the East Coast; and if so General Liles wanted advice so that he could be on notice of any action that might be impending in his Service Command.

Soucy was informed that the Bureau did not have any knowledge of Winchell's source of information and to so advise General Liles. However, he was advised that a release was being made to the press this morning concerning the arrest of Simon W. Koedel at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and of Harry Ledwith Koedel at New York City, on the charges of conspiracy to violate the espionage statutes and that various individuals had been indicted in New York, and possibly Winchell may have gotten wind of the story from that point.

Soucy was advised that we have no information whatsoever on any contemplated arrest of saboteurs and to so advise General Liles.

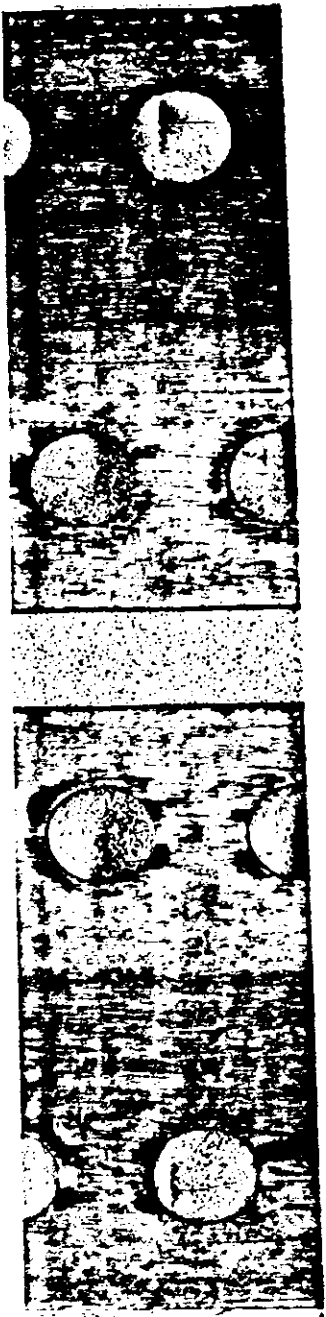
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Dear Mr. Tolson:

Due to the holiday, the script was late getting

in to me. However, here it is.

in haste,

Rose

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JERGENS JOURNAL

WALTER WINCHELL

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9:00—9:15 PM

NOVEMBER 19, 1944

SUNDAY

ANNOUNCER: The Jergens Journal, featuring Walter Winchell. Mr Winchell, whose famous column appears in the New York Daily Mirror and other newspaper with more than 25 million readers is brought to you by Jergens, the lotion for soft, smooth, romantic hands.

Later on this program, lovely Evelyn of the magic violin fame will speak to you. But first, here's some new magic in make-up from the makers of Jergens Lotion. It's the very newest make-up idea, Jergen's twin make-up! Makes you twice as lovely as cake make-up alone, according to beauty experts. That's because Jergens twin make-up brings you two complexion glamorizers: Jergens Make-up Cake containin special skin softening oils and velvetized Jergens Powder to match. Both brought to you so conveniently in one box of beauty. Only \$1.00. Easily a \$2.00 value. First you sponge on this smooth cake, over it you wear this wonderful powder to match. So double your beauty with this double-your-money's-worth cosmetic idea today. Just choose from six skintone shades. Your very own shade of this coast-to-coast excitement in make-up, Jergens Twin Make-up.

And now to the editorial room of the Jergens Journal - and Walter Winchell.

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WINCHELL: Good evening Mr and Mrs North and South America, let's go to press!

FLASH! LONDON: These are the latest rumors concerning Hitler. From Spain comes the report that he has killed himself...that he is in Japan...and that anti-Nazis have kidnapped him — while peace feelers are put out. From Swiss and Swedish radio networks, however, this report makes more sense...that Adolph Hitler has contracted Jaundice and has turned yellow — which in my opinion is hardly a scoop!

PARIS: Over 4000 Germans were killed in a tunnel today near Genoa — thanks to the French Underground.

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA: The Bolivian government which discovered a revolution today has squelched it. All the leaders of the plot are now behind bars.

NEW YORK CITY: James Thurber, the author-humorist, was rushed to the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital for an emergency operation. That is in Clifton Forge, Virginia.

NEW YORK: Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and Mrs Powell of Harlem, New York, will confirm Mrs Powell's divorce plans tomorrow. When he is free, the handsome congressman will then marry Hazel Scott the talented virtuoso.

NEW YORK: Ethel Barrymore, the First Lady of the Stage, is much better. Doctors say Miss Barrymore will be home this week.

PHILADELPHIA: Eddie Davis of the famous nightclub team, Leon and Eddie's, was hurt in a motor accident. He is at a Philadelphia hospital where his injuries have not yet been confirmed. The show, Glad to See You, in which he is a feature, will continue.

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WINCHELL:
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NEW YORK CITY: Mr Niles Trammell, the President of the National Broadcasting System, tonight made a statement regarding commentator Upton Close. The NBC President declared that the statements by Upton Close, that he was fired because of government pressure or pressure from other groups, are completely false. That Upton Close was notified of his cancellation in the summer, to take effect next December 10. In a few minutes, ladies and gentlemen, I will have a brief comment on Mr Upton Close and free speech!

BEHIND THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT: PARIS: Germany's last reserves are now committed to the defense of the Rhine. The Nazi General Staff has scraped the bottom of the barrel for strategic reserves. Eisenhower's general offensive, one of the most powerful in all history, may prove to be the knockout. This means that the Nazis are also wide open for the kill by the Russians in Hungary and Poland. The best informed sources believe that Adolph Hitler's speaking voice will never be heard again. Your reporter, however, believes that his so-called disappearance is just another trick in psychological war.

LISSON: As suspected right along a general retreat of the Nazi Underground has been under way for several months. Most secret industrial formulas and Germany's best technicians have been leaving the Fatherland for safe haven in allegedly neutral nations. Many are now believed to have found refuge in Argentina, Spain, Portugal, Turkey and Manchuria.

BERNE: German morale will not crack because it is non-existent. The Germans are numb under the continuous bombing. Fifteen million Germans are now homeless. Nearly one hundred thousand Germans, most c

WINCHELL:
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whom were selected at random by fearful Nazi leaders since the attempted assassination of Hitler have been erased by firing squads all over Germany.

LONDON: I am told on the best authority that Colonel Elliott Roosevelt's name was dropped from the promotion list to General at Elliott's own request, so that others just as deserving as he would receive speedier promotion. Colonel Elliott Roosevelt's war record, ladies and gentlemen, speaks for itself. My source are many officers just back from the fighting fronts.

ATTENTION MR AND MRS UNITED STATES. Last March this reporter without being legally heard by his accusers was charged with being un-American and a sinister force. Congressman Dies over this network charged that I was disloyal to America, that I was a foil and a dupe for disreputable groups and that I, Walter Winchell, was the spearhead of some smear bund which he didn't name but promised he would. Congressman Dies told you all that he would have me investigated and shown up. He impounded my broadcast scripts, recordings and newspaper files. He still has them - and here it is November of the same year - and I still stand accused by the Dies Committee which very soon will follow Mr Dies into merited oblivion. Thomas Jefferson held aloft the light of liberty for all men of all creeds by free speech in open daylight. But the Dies Committee investigators consulted the few who hate the many. The Dies Committee tried to deny constitutional guarantees of the Bill of Rights. Many of its investigations proved absolutely nothing. It often took testimony without cross examination. It often charged recklessly without proof and it judged and it reached verdict time and time again - and again - and again - without open

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hearings. Since the Dies Committee in my opinion often violated every tenet of the constitution, it is a triumph for the American Constitution that the Dies Committee perished in a free election.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Mr Upton Close last week charged that another network, not the Blue, had ordered his sponsor to fire him. Mr Close told the newspapers, quotes, that "certain pressure groups had influenced the network." But for some reason, which eludes me, he did not name them. If Mr Upton Close will send me documented proof I will be glad to make their names public although Upton Close honors me in my fight for free speech with a thundering silence. Voltaire once said, "I do not agree with anything you say, but I will defend with my life your right to say it." And while I have never subscribed to your sentiments, Upton Close, you may count on me to fight for your right to be wrong!

A REPORTER'S REPORT TO THE NATION: ATTENTION, PLEASE SECRETARY OF STATE HULL: This is reported under the title of Fair Comment in the public interest. Mr Secretary Hull, is there a hiding place for Nazi agents in a palatial villa at San Sebastian Spain? I am reliably told that there is such a hide-out. This house, Mr Hull, is allegedly owned by the former Basque heavyweight boxer whose name is familiar to many fight fans and American sports writers. I refer to Paulino Uzcudun. Our newspapers of 1936 will reveal that this Paulino Uzcudun was last photographed holding a German sub-machine gun. Remember that fact if Paulino Uzcudun ever attempts to re-enter United States.

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WINCHELL:
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ATTENTION MICHIGAN NEWSPAPERS. Here is an exciting melodrama starring the affectionately regarded FBI. In 1940 an ex-circus man by the name of William Louis Baker registered for the draft. In 1941 Michigan newspapers reported that this Baker had been killed in a Michigan motor car crash. Investigation, however, failed to reveal that there had been such an accident. John Edgar Hoover's alert agents, however, quietly checked up on the widow of Mr Baker. They learned that the widow Baker had married again - that she married a man named Mayfield. And so the G-men decided to look up Mr Mayfield who now is in G-Manacles. He turned out to be the late - but not late enough - William Louis Baker.

BROOKLYN: Noel Coward, the British playwright and author in his new book, Middle East Diary, is the center of a local controversy because in the book he made snide comments about American soldiers born in Brooklyn. Mr Coward criticized them as hospital patients, while General Eisenhower never criticized them in any way as front-line fighters. It is Noel's birthright to be called a coward by name. He is mistaken, however if he thinks any Americans are cowards by nature. Noel Coward will experience the greatest difficulty in re-entering the United States again. Apparently our Congress prefers a wounded American, no matter what his name or creed, to any sophisticated snob who insults them.

And now Mr James Bannon and the talented Evelyn of the magic violin for Jergens Lotion. I'll be back in a flash.

ANNOUNCER: And now our charming guest, Evelyn, the first lady of the General Electric Hour of Charm. Evelyn and her violin are now in production with Phil Spitalny and his all-girl orchestra in Universal's picture "Here Come the Coeds." Tell me, Evelyn, do people always speak of you and your violin together?

EVELYN: I'm so happy they do, Mr Banning. You see, I think of my violin as a human voice and I try to express the lyrics with my fingers and hands.

ANNOUNCER: And loving your violin I suppose you take special care of the hands that play it.

EVELYN: Well, first of all, my hands are the center of attraction, they must look nice. But even a magic violin needs supple fingers and smooth hands. That's why I use Jergens Lotion. Jergens is the magic touch for keeping my hands in good-looking and perfect playing condition. May I say a very grateful thank-you to Jergens.

ANNOUNCER: And thank you, Evelyn. You're right. Jergens is like professional care for the hands. 2 ingredients in Jergens Lotion are the same as many doctors use to help poor, coarse skin to soft youth-like smoothness. So ladies, for hands that look beautifully-kept, like Evelyn's, be sure and use Jergens Lotion.

And now, back to the editorial room of the Jergens Journal - and Walter Winchell.

WINCHELL:

AND NOW TO RACE THE RED HAND AROUND THE BLUE NETWORK'S CLOCK:

MR AND MRS AMERICA, this is to salute a policeman in Los Angeles named Harry Donlan who, within a few hours the other day, after a murderer killed two women, became a hero by arresting the brutal fiend. I feel that in saluting him I am doing it for all of you. Congratulations from us all, Harry Donlan, of the Los Angeles Police Department. This is the least we can do for you and others like you who get so little for doing so much.

BARBARA POWERS OF LOS ANGELES: Hollywood does make its mistakes I know, but it has done a lot for newcomers - some of them anyway - such as Lauren Bacall, a very talented girl. She makes an auspicious start with her natural performance in Warner's new big hit starring Humphrey Bogart, "To Have and to Have Not."

JOYCE COLEMAN OF SANTA MONICA: During the campaign his opponents kept calling Mr Roosevelt a tired old man. But right after the election the President returned to Washington to work and Governor Dewey went to Georgia to rest.

ROBERTA FIELDS OF NEW YORK: George Raft, the Hollywood star, receives \$100,000 a picture. He is a wealthy man. Those who know him intimately and best certify that Mr Raft is among the most generous men. His contributions to many charities are never exploited. I do not believe he would cheat anyone.

(How much time?)

TOLEDO: Ohio's telephone strike is getting worse. 24 Ohio towns, none of them with war industries, are without telephone service now.

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Strikers, it appears, object to higher pay given new workers. Bell telephone says it has to pay more on account of the manpower shortage. At this moment, ladies and gentlemen, the strike is spreading to Youngstown.

WASHINGTON: No matter what reshuffling of titles takes place, the two men who helped FDR carry the heaviest burdens are Fred Vinson and Jimmy Byrnes, two of the grandest men of them all.

AND THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, winds up another Jergens Journal until next Sunday night at the very same time. Until then, and with lotions of love, I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell, who thinks that we all should be thankful on this Thanksgiving Holiday for these reasons. The rats will soon be deserting Berlin, the snakes will soon be leaving Tokio, and the repudiated ostriches will very soon be sneaking out of Washington.

Goodnight.

7 ANNOUNCER: Evelyn and her magic violin, our charming guest tonight, suggests using Jergens Lotion on your arms and elbows too, to help them look young and smooth. Smooth a little Jergens on your elbows when you use it on your hands. You do use Jergens regularly for your hands, don't you? It's the hand care the stars here in Hollywood use 7 to 1. Very lovely, easy and quick, Jergens Lotion leaves no disagreeable stickiness. And with Jergens, you furnish softness-protecting moisture which most girls' hand skin needs. Remember, the lovely hands of the stars are cared for by Jergens. Make Jergens Lotion your hand care, now, too.

Be sure to listen to Hollywood Mystery Time which follows immediately.

THIS IS THE BLUE NETWORK.

gd
11-22-44
9:35 AM

Cincinnati, O. December 16, 1944.

G. Edgar Hoover, Chief,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A matter that has puzzled me for some time is, why Walter Winchell should as he has done last Sunday evening and on a number of occasions, blast out "Attention! Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, investigate so and so, he is operating with so and so, and he is involved in such and such." If he has information for your department, why should he broadcast it to the world and actually aid those whom he charges giving them an opportunity to cover up.

To me your department is one of the most sacred bureaus in our government. I had occasion only recently to take up a matter with your agent at Cincinnati. He told me very courteously that it was not a matter for his department, but suggested a method I should follow and the result might develop something in which he would be concerned. The matter has not as yet reached that stage, however; I would not for one moment discuss the matter with a single person not even my wife, who I believe is more close mouthed than any member in your entire organization, which I know is rather unusual.

Frankly, I don't believe I have ever heard any commentator use the airways in connection with your department in the manner that Winchell does. Why? Perhaps it is a matter on which you might not care to comment. My high regard for you and the splendid work you and your department are doing will not be effected one way or another.

Greetings, for a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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December 21, 1944

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 16, 1944, has been received and I do appreciate your writing as you did. Your warm comments concerning our organization are indeed appreciated and with regard to your inquiry I wish to advise that the individual to whom you refer has no connection whatsoever with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
December 14, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: WALTER WINCHELL

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
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Mr. Coffey	
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Mr. Ladd	✓
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF
DATE 9-19-84 *declassified*

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith the memorandum of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 8, 1944 containing information secured by him from [redacted] having to do principally with a broadcast by WALTER WINCHELL on the evening of December 2, to the effect that the Communist Party was to start a "smear" campaign against the Director. X

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For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] He presently is employed by [redacted]. The information which he has furnished this office in the past has at times been reliable and at other times unreliable. At the present time he might possibly be foreseeing the termination of his employment and be endeavoring to build himself for his future employment with the Bureau. X

Accordingly, this information is being furnished to the Bureau for its information with the notation that it is questionable.

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ON 8-19-77 #227,987
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Very truly yours

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

JJK:POH

December 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM - SAC, E. E. CONROY.

For your information, [REDACTED]
of the New York Office.

[REDACTED]
Due to the fact that he is employed by [REDACTED]
information [REDACTED] turns over to the New York Office should
be treated in the strictest confidence so that it will not injure him in his
present assignment.

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[REDACTED]

On Sunday evening last, WALTER WINCHELL, in his 9:00 PM radio
broadcast, stated that about January 1, 1945 the Communist Party was to start
a smear campaign against JOHN EDGAR HOOVER and continue it until about
January 20th in an endeavor to remove Mr. HOOVER from his position as Director
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After hearing this broadcast the
writer naturally became interested and contacted [REDACTED] and
asked him to find out discreetly from the Russians any information he could
concerning this smear campaign.



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[REDACTED] admirer of Mr. HOOVER and passes laudatory remarks about the Director wherever he goes.

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December 8, 1944

Memo - SAC

When any additional information is received from [REDACTED] concerning this matter, you will be so advised.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Keating
JOHN J. KEATING,
Special Agent.

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SAC, New York City

January 3, 1945

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SODAC, NEW YORK CITY
INTERNAL SECURITY (A)

Reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1944, captioned "Walter Winchell".

It is noted that on December 7, 1944, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Bureau desires you to obtain the name and position of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
 FROM : Mr. Nichols
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST, December 3rd.

DATE: December 4, 1944

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- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Carson
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On his broadcast Sunday night, Walter Winchell made the following comments of interest to the Bureau:

1. He stated he wanted to make public another plot of American Communists to go after the Director, whom he called by name. He stated that this new smear campaign would be designed first to discredit, and then to get the Director out of office. He pointed out that plans were set to get started on New Year's day with this smear campaign. He then said, "Mr. Hoover -- the nation's second most popular public servant -- I don't believe is worried. The President thinks of him as one of the best soldiers." He then stated that this would be no private fight between the Communists and the Director "as this reporter will make public plans of the American Communists to the full limit allowed by radio and his papers."

2. The FBI has arrested a renowned ganster in Italy, who has been linked with a prominent Hollywood star.

3. The Bureau of Investigation has compiled a list of fifty names of characters to be chased out of New York City. Mayor LaGuardia is circulating this list.

4. For the International Rogues Gallery Winchell named Arturo Alexandero (spelling phonetic), former President of Chile, who, in 1942 worked with Mussolini; who opposed the break with Hitler; who is friendly with Argentina; and who is also friendly with a Jap Agent who is the contact between a Jap colony and the Jap Embassy.

5. A storm is about to break open in the Senate over Lease Lend and the British.

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Carter Winckel In New York

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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Man About Town

The P. G. Wodehouses are headed for the U. S. Great Britain and France are happy to see them go... Noel Coward has another headache. His countrymen are miffed with him for his broadcast razzing the war coverage by British gazettes... Mrs. Alfred E. Smith, Jr., says the report of a reconciliation is untrue... His Harlem flock will not demand Cong. Clayton Powell resign his pastorate because of his love for Hazel Scott... The Duchess of Windsor might undergo another op... Mr. Whiskers, who didn't have enough evidence on a famed labor leader (8 months ago) to bring him to trial, is getting it in bunches... Several high ranking army officers are expected to be accused before the House Military Comm. this week. Result of the Camp Shanks probe... The Henry Dunns (Cross & Dunn), after all these years, have parted... Mrs. John J. Raskob, Jr., is back from Frisco where she discussed property settlement before filing... Washington hears one of the Vanderlip ladies will post the Renotice—and that a Washington femme society columnist will file soon in Florida and then wed a Gen. Arnold staffer.

Sgt. Dave Rose, the composer, is distressed over reports of his condition. He is mending from a breakdown at a coast army hosp... Marjorie Lavoe, ex-Follies dolly, is melting from H. Rosenthal, the renowned pianist, in Frisco... Tom Girdler paid Mike Romanoff \$500 betting against FDR. Mike gave it to the radio fund buying time for Roosevelt... The Joe Reichmans (she was Tommye Bradford of Dallas) are imaging... But so are the H. Klurfelds of L. L. City and Akron... They tell you Mme. Perkins will remain... Fibber McGee and Molly will be grandfolks in early Spring... A Time reporter interviewed Phil Spitalny. It lasted nine minutes, ending in a draw, both walking out on each other... Sculptress Hannah Pendrell is re-designing US fliers' wings... Mike Todd's "Mexican Hayride" is moving from the Winter Garden. He'll give to any army or navy base that 152-foot Varga Girl which covers the Garden front.

"Dear Walter: I am deeply sorry that any offense was construed from my book, particularly by the good people of Brooklyn—and I hope that my sincere and life-long friendship for America, so often expressed, will be taken into consideration. Whether a mere author ever visits your country again is unimportant; it is important that our enemies fall in their unceasing attempts to cause misunderstanding between us. I am sorry my careless words—for that is all they were—provided some opportunity for misunderstanding. Won't you please convey my regret? Noel."

Dear Noel: All people of good will understand good will in others. Some mighty unkind things, too, have been said about England in America as well as about America in England. But what are a few paragraphs by us when our armed forces are writing such mighty chapters of history together? How about urging your publishers to delete that paragraph?—W. W.

A syndicate (and its New York outlet) is seeking a replacement for its Washington man. Too many wrongos... Russell H. Potter, ex-Chief of the New York OPA branch, will start a big public relations organization soon. He's a vice-prez of American Airlines plus a White House favorite... Choo-Choo Johnson, the Copacabeaut, has been chosen to model as the Army nurse for the Treasury's next bond posters... The wonderful Wasps (they fly B-29s, Pursuits and other heavy planes) will try to connect with the Red Cross, driving ambulances. They are all miserable because the gov't is inactivating them on Dec. 20th. None can get a job at any plane plant, either. Fine way to reward these girls who risked their lives for us all. Here's a salute to the 600 of them... Sumner Welles' next book on our relations with S. America will scare the hell outta the State Dept if he goes through with the plans he whispered to chums.

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We Have More Fun Dept: After planting the Elliott Roosevelt-Faye Emerson marriage-plan beat with Jack Laft, Jr., in Wednesday's Los Angeles Examiner (despite claims by the opposition) had to keep an oath that we wouldn't reveal the scene and time of the wedding until Sunday noon... Longest weekend in our life... "You can't keep a story like this from leaking!" we told the bride... "Nobody will find out!" Faye almost wept... So what?... So with the aid of Examiner editors—calls were made to Palm Springs, Las Vegas, etc., "for reservations for newspapermen to cover a famous wedding"... Hoping locals would help misdirect opposition reporters... Warners' Studio, however, released the secret to everybody Saturday eve'g, thereby spoiling the fun for some of us, who still think it would make a funny scene in any movie.

The Army has ordered George Jean Nathan's new book, "The Theatre Book of the Year," for overseas distribution. It won the award of the American Institute of Graphic Arts... We hear Comm. McGoldrick is considering investing \$7,500,000 in war bonds... It is coin derived from payments already made by concessionaires for space at the Idlewild Airport... Les Brown will enjoy Mutual, NBC and CBS wires when he resumes at the Hotel Pennsylvania Dec. 11th... Miss Barrymore's illness cost the Theatre Guild about \$8,000 a week. All, except the star, remaining on full salary. Despite the prosperity of the Guild's "Okla" and other shows (grossing about \$70,000 weekly), they are groaning... Texas oil man Bedford Sharpe and Julie Bernhardt, after a week's courtship, will wed—or have they already? She was a Powers model who can sing, too.

June Fax, the model, probably will marry Capt. Jack Victor, who's been in a Nazi prison since his capture. She has written him over 170 letters, no answer yet... Raymond Gram Swing bows off the air next month... Oil man Joe Pew has sent Congress an angry denial that he paid anything for those fierce attacks on Hillman... Zabo?... Tom Stokes quit his 20-year job at Scripps-Howard as official syndicate columnist. He may stay, though, via a syndicate. Although the Army had requested Stokes, the bosses assigned a staffer... Veteran navy men weep at the 40-minute film "Fighting Lady". It's an epic of this war. So is "The Battle of the United States" narrated by J. E. Hoover, but whyhell is it only for men in uniform? Civilians should see how lucky they are! FBI secretaries in action catching spies over here plotting... Please read the column's new documented facts, starting tomorrow. A Bill of Particulars against the German People. Which cites the horrible details of Nazi murders by name, town and country. All of which may be presented at the War Guilt Trials.

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CHICAGO 90, ILLINOIS

December 26, 1944

Director - FBI

ATTENTION: MR. E. A. TAMM

Dear Sir:

Re: WALTER WINCHELL

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation between Mr. E. A. Tamm and the writer on December 26, 1944, at which time Mr. Tamm informed me that the Director desired a complete memorandum with reference to Mr. Winchell's calls to this office for the writer on December 20, 1944. In this connection I have secured memoranda from Miss Marie K. Franzen, Miss Rita L. Dermody and Special Agent Frank J. O'Brien and copies of these are attached, as well as copies of my memorandum covering my conversations with Miss Kathryn Hurl, Miss Tenora Bakken and Special Agent (L) E. S. Michael. As the Bureau is also aware, I called the Bureau on December 20, 1944 and reported the fact that Mr. Walter Winchell had called this office.

A complete history of the facts is as follows:

At about 4:00 P.M. on December 20th Mr. Walter Winchell called this office, asked for the Agent in Charge, and was referred to Miss Kathryn Hurl, one of the secretaries in my office. Miss Hurl informed Mr. Winchell that I was not in and inquired if someone else could be of assistance to him. In this connection I would like to point out that at this time and up until approximately 5:30 P.M., Special Agent D. Ray Quinn and the writer were in conference with United States Attorney J. Albert Woll in his office in the Federal Building. At the time Miss Hurl inquired of Mr. Winchell if someone else could be of assistance to him he stated, "Yes, give me anyone. Give me the janitor". Miss Hurl then referred the call to Special Agent Frank J. O'Brien.

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As will be noted from Mr. O'Brien's memorandum, he talked to Mr. Winchell and Mr. Winchell indicated to him that he was trying to talk with me. Mr. O'Brien asked Mr. Winchell to hold the phone a minute and checked with the switchboard to be sure that the call had been appropriately referred to me. When he learned that it had been and that I was out of the office he went back to the phone and found that Mr. Winchell had hung up.

It will also be noted that Mr. Winchell called back about 6:30 P.M. and while refusing to give his name, indicated that he had previously called. Miss Hurl recognized his voice and informed him that I was still out of the office. Miss Hurl inquired if I could call him back and Mr. Winchell

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stated that he was just in Chicago between trains and could not be reached but would call back.

Sometime between 5:00 and 5:30 P.M. Mr. Winchell called again and spoke to Miss Tenora Bakken, who is also one of the secretaries on duty in my office. Mr. Winchell did not reveal who he was but was informed that I was not in and was referred to Special Agent K. S. Michael. Mr. Winchell advised Mr. Michael who he was and stated that he was anxious to get in touch with me. Mr. Michael inquired of Mr. Winchell where he could be reached and Mr. Winchell informed him that he could be reached at the Ambassador East Hotel; that while he was not registered there he could be reached by merely calling the switchboard and asking for him.

At about 5:30 when I returned to the office Special Agent Michael informed me of the fact that Mr. Winchell had called and also told me that he had apparently called several times before during the afternoon in an attempt to reach me. Mr. Michael told me that Mr. Winchell was at the Ambassador Hotel but was not registered. I immediately called Mr. James Hart, the Manager of the Ambassador Hotel and inquired if Mr. Winchell was at the hotel. Mr. Hart informed me that Mr. Winchell was at the hotel and was registered under the name of Walters.

I immediately called Mr. Winchell and he opened the conversation by stating that in all of his contacts with the FBI it had never taken him several hours to reach the Special Agent in Charge Before. He also complained that he had called me some four or five times during the afternoon but could not reach me. He also stated that my secretary had inquired of him on several occasions as to who was calling and that on several occasions when he was calling he was calling from the barber shop and did not desire to let those within hearing know who he was. I courteously explained to Mr. Winchell that the reason he could not get in touch with me was due to the fact that I was out of the office and that as soon as I did return to the office I had called him back. Mr. Winchell then stated that on the previous Sunday he had in his broadcast mentioned Harold Frotten, who was wanted for murder. He stated that he had just received word from his secretary that a wire had been received from the Chief of Police at Tampa, Florida reporting that Frotten had been apprehended as a result of information put out over his broadcast. He stated that he was very excited over this news and wondered if I could inform him if Frotten had been taken into custody. I informed Mr. Winchell that Frotten had been taken into custody (inasmuch as I recalled a teletype coming in from the Bureau indicating that he had been arrested). I told Mr. Winchell that I would have to check

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our records to inform him as to the exact date that he was taken into custody, and that I would check this and call him back. Within five minutes I called Mr. Winchell back and informed him that Frotten had been taken into custody at Tampa, Florida on December 18, 1944. Mr. Winchell stated that he was very excited and very elated over receiving this information and that if I were writing to you I should inform you of the fact. Mr. Winchell during the first conversation I had with him inquired if you were in Miami, Florida and I told him that I did not know.

As I have previously pointed out, these facts were previously furnished to Mr. Robert Cunningham of the Bureau immediately after Mr. Winchell called on December 20, 1944. It will also be noted that, contrary to the allegation of Mr. Winchell, all the employees in this office who had occasion to talk to him deny that they asked him to spell his name. I would further like to point out that I know all of the employees who handled the calls from Mr. Winchell and they are all very courteous employees and I have had no complaints whatsoever from anyone to the effect that they were not handled courteously by the employees of this office.

Very truly yours,

S. J. DRAYTON,
SAC.

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Encs.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Jan 15 1945

F.B.I.

Gentlemen,

This clipping from Winchells column speaks for itself.

Will you kindly put an end to this mans idle gossip.

Most of his stuff is just about as reliable as this silly story. And incidently the same story was told about the Russians after the last war. Except it was quarters, then.

Very truly

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...two years. It closed ...
...when asked about her long time pal, Jim Timony,
Elsa West says: "Oh, Jim? He's merely a superstition with me"...
Jack Kofoed, Jr., with the marines in the Pacific, and his wife
(Marion Wilt of Philly) will be three in March... The Major Luther
Davises (Dolly DeMilhau, who edits the Stork Club Talk) are im-
aging, too... Elsa Maxwell and her political conscience (Robert
Marks) have parted. He will complete her blog, however... Peggy
Wallace, statuesque blonde, weds a Greek shipping magnate in
Miami in February... In sectors of the nation where silver dollars
are commonly used thousands of counterfeits were planted in the
U.S. by Japs before Pearl Harbor. They haven't been called in be-
cause (we're told) they contain more silver than ours do!

"Dear Mr. Winchell: As I listen each Sunday evening, I am
more convinced you are honestly and conscientiously trying to help
win the war and make possible the winning of the peace. You men-
tion the desperate need for nurses for the armed forces. Can you
be the idea for nurses without

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January 23, 1945

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Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter of January 15, 1945, with enclosure.

The data set forth in your communication have been carefully reviewed and your interest in writing me is most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 9, 1945

CC:ELC

Mr. Walter Winchell
The New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

The communications which you recently forwarded were received on January 8, 1945.

I am deeply grateful for your kindness in making these data available, and they will, of course, receive prompt consideration.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

LRP:DC

To: Mr. E. A. Tamm

Date: 1/30/45

From: L. R. Pennington

Subject:

I talked to [redacted]

on the phone this morning relative to [redacted]

Some time ago [redacted] as an individual subscribed to "In Fact" of which George Seldes is the publisher. This pamphlet is against all veterans organizations and according to [redacted] is very communistic. After his personal subscription ran out he received all sorts of propaganda giving reasons why he should continue the subscription. Several weeks ago he got fired for receiving these and believing that Walter Winchell had some kind of a tie up with George Seldes and "In Fact" he sat down and sent a card to "In Fact" on which he stated "I have had enough of your communistic propaganda and that of Walter (Lipschitz) Winchell. Subsequent to that Winchell either in a broadcast or in his daily column made the following statement: "There is an Americanism man in the VFW whose background should be looked into and this is constructive criticism only".

[redacted] also informed

[redacted] that Winchell claimed [redacted] to be anti-Semitic.

The matter of [redacted] dismissal upon threats of Walter Winchell is coming before a National group in Kansas City this week. [redacted] feels that when Winchell has so much power that he is able to cause a little man in an organization to be fired because he is anti-Winchell that this country is getting into a rather dangerous condition. He states there are a number of Congressmen up on the Hill who are rather anxious to get the information [redacted] dismissal but he has so far refused to do anything about it.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 7, 1945

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BLACK MARKET IN RAILROAD TICKETS

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

BACKGROUND

The New York Daily Mirror, February 1, 1945, in Walter Winchell's column states:

"The reason you can't move quickly in Pennsylvania Station is that so many G-men are there studying black market ticket traffickers."

The Director instructed that we look into this inasmuch as the Stationmaster told the Director that a large number of our men were around, and that we should not be too obvious, said the Director.

We inquired into this and our New York Office stated that two weeks ago, according to information available to the New York Field Office, some 50 men affiliated with the Office of Defense Transportation were known to be stationed in the Pennsylvania Terminal in New York City checking on Southbound trains. These men were active at least several days but the exact nature of their business was not known to the New York Field Division.

DIRECTOR'S REQUEST

On the basis of this information, the Director instructed that we find out what the Office of Defense Transportation was doing in New York. If they are covering black market activities, then there is a duplication and the Bureau either ought to get out of these activities or ODT ought to. The Director asked for clarification.

ANSWER TO THE DIRECTOR'S INQUIRY AT NEW YORK CITY

Mr. A. L. Stewart, Superintendent of Passenger Transportation, Pennsylvania Station, advised that at the request of Colonel C. H. Buford of the Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C., a check of all passenger travel at Pennsylvania Station was made on January 17 and 20, 1945. This request was made of 26 or 27 critical cities by the American Association of Railroads. The purpose of this check was to ascertain the following:

1. Total travel from New York city
2. Number of passengers in uniform
3. Number of women and children traveling.

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The physical check was made by employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Part of the check was made by employees standing at the various gates to the different trains. Other information pertaining to this check was ascertained from railroad employees traveling aboard the trains.

Following is the result of the check made on trains departing from New York City. These figures have not been released as general information, according to Mr. Stewart.

34% - Servicemen
29% - Civilian women and children
37% - Civilian men

Nick Simmons, Regional Director, Office of Defense Transportation, Empire State Building, advised me that ODT had no knowledge of the request, that he personally did not request the check and that his first knowledge of the check being made was brought to his attention by a newspaper inquiry that was made of his Public Relations Officer. The Public Relations Officer, Mr. Stoddard, referred the newspaper inquiry to the American Association of Railroads.

A. B. Stevens, New York representative of the American Association of Railroads, 30 Veasey Street, advised me that he knew nothing of the check that was being made, that he personally had not requested it and that his only knowledge had been gleaned from the newspaper account.

Lee Christanson, Acting Eastern Director of the Office of Defense Transportation, 19 Rector Street, knew nothing of the request and definitely stated that ODT had no knowledge of the check being made inasmuch as they had not requested it.

Alvin S. McEvoy, Assistant Divisional Director, Regional Operations Section, of the ODT, who is Colonel Johnson's Assistant in Washington, D. C., personally advised me that the ODT had not requested the check, that they did not have that number of men available to make such a check and that he had not heard anything of the check prior to my call.

CONCLUSION

1. The Office of Defense Transportation is not engaging in investigations of black market activities in the sale of railroad tickets.

2. The news item refers to the request of the American Railroads to check on passenger travel at Station. This request originated with Colonel C. B. Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C.

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3. The actual physical check was made by employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : S. W. REYNOLDS
SUBJECT: 6660

DATE: December 26, 1944

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Lt. Colonel Robert H. Harris, MID, inquired of the writer concerning the remark made by Walter Winchell over his Sunday night broadcast, December 24th, to the effect that the Director had requested Winchell to announce publicly concerning the landing of the balloon at Kalspell, Montana and to request the public if any future balloon landings are observed, to bring them immediately to the attention of the nearest field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Lt. Harris requested the writer to ascertain whether or not the Director had in fact made such a request of Mr. Winchell.

Indicate (B) not requested. Publicly etc. all be alert.
Call R. H. Harris's M's. ... that press was ...
... this report ...

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Walter Winchell In New York

New York Heartbeat

Faces About Town: Peggy Joyce, Mabel Boll and Melba Orr (the jewelry stores that walk like women) in the Madison bar appraising each other's gems... John Van Druten, author of two Broadway hits ("The Voice of the Turtle" and "I Remember Mama"), first-rowing at "On the Town" his first day in The Big Burg... Helen Gahagan shopping in Kelly's grocery store... Dr. Lin Yutang, the Chinese philosopher, who washes the dishes (regardless of his important guests) after dinner. "The humility of menial tasks," etc... Arleen (must be heaven) Whelan and her Irish terrier with green collar and green leash in the St. Patrick's Day parade... June Havoc and her new feller, hero Lt. Geo. Gay, Jr., dining on kisses at Villepigue's... F. Sinatra in Reuben's reporting he just cancelled his next MGM film (with J. Durante) so both stars can shove off for overseas.

Sallies in Our Alley: One of the Broadway plays hit hardest by the curfew spawned this one. A friend met the producer of the flop and said: "Tonight was the worst yet. I don't think you've had such a poor house since the opening"... "Well," sighed the boss, "the house may have been poor, but at least it was honest. We stopped giving passes!"... Arlene Francis reports night club owners are happy about LaGuardia's extension of the closing hour. "That gives them," she said, "an extra hour to gripe about the curfew!"

Show Business Vignette: Fate toyed with two young actors, who probably do not realize it... Not long ago Alfred Allardice was in New York appearing in "Janie"... In Hollywood another newcomer named Michael Ames was appearing in the movie, "Heaven Can Wait"... The first mentioned actor aspired to a chance in Movietown and got the break via MGM. They changed his name to Tom Drake... Meanwhile, Ames came to New York to make a name for himself in the thittir. He has been announced to appear in "Lady Chatterley's Lover"... Behind him, Ames left his beloved wife, Christopher Curtis... On Feb. 20th these two young hopefuls really changed places... Tom (Alfred Allardice) Drake and Mr. Ames' ex-wife, Christopher, were wed at Las Vegas!

The Late Watch: Peggy Ann Reid, former George White's "Scandals" decoration, now is the buyer of sea food for the Fishery on W. 46th St. She glamorizes fish, too. The blow-fish (practically unsalable) she christened "Sea Squab" and made it into a best-seller... Wendell Willkie's ass't (Lem Jones, ex-scribe) soon joins 20th Century-Fox... The premiere of "Deep Mrs. Sykes" was marred (for many first-nighters) by the incessant gabbling of a Barrymore, not in the cast, and not Ethel, of course... The Society of Illustrators will sponsor the U. S. premiere of "Col. Blimp." All proceeds to the society's fund for wounded servicemen interested in the graphic arts... Patricia Elliott is being piloted for Hollywood by Diane Greene who saw her waitressing at Childs' Paramount. A good-looker who sings, they say, a la Dinah Shore... Hal Wallis' film, "The Affairs of Susan," comes to the Rivoli with sugary advance report... That mag's blast at Miami helped the FBI find a guy.

The Big Time: J. Dorsey's version of "I Should Care" (Decca)... "Colonel Blimp," the film inspired by David Low's cartoon character... Larry Douglas' way of singing the Russian ballad, "Katushka"... Cab Calloway's new juke box champ, "Let's Take the Long Way Home" (Columbia Records)... Sonny King's Carousing at Havana-Madrid... Ronald Kirkbride's new book, "Winds, Blow Gently" (F. Fell, Inc.)... The way Ernie Holst's crew at the Stawk renders "Some Other Time," which Sinatra sang in "Step Lively." Why isn't that song famous? It's one of the grander ear-caressers.

Broadway Smalltalk: Beatrice Kay's idea is fine. Have returned war vets in banks and post-offices to wait on bond-owners who redeem them!... Now that the curfew has been modified a little, Marion Hutton wonders what the night spot owners will next blame business slumps on... L. Cowan's "Tomorrow's World" film is a smash click in London, too... Pyle's film will have its premiere wherever Pyle is at the time... When showgirl Ann Mace is free she will wed Dr. Vincent Parlante... Jay C. Flipper and Ruth Rathborn of the girl shows have let it wither.

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Manhattan Murals: The big town's own Coney Island—50th Street between 6th and 7th. A pitchman's paradise, honky-tonk shops, barkers and novelty peddlers... The Women's Prison tenant (at 10th Street and 6th Avenue) rending the 2 ayem air by lustily singing: "Don't Fence Me In"!... The kerrickters hanging around the old Gayety Theatre on Broadway—as though waiting for the revival of girlesk shows... In half an hour only two passersby dropped coins into the Red Cross box near Macy's Friday... The sign on brassieres in a ladies' shop: "Bosom Friends."

Sounds in the Night: In Club 18: "She isn't snooty, just sneer-sighted"... At Versailles: "Oh, stop pouting. You look like some Ubangi!"... At Zanzibar: "She's a nodding acquaintance. Nodding doing!"... In Leone's: "She makes money hand over first"... At the 6th Avenue Delicatessen: "Oh, don't think he's a waiter! He's just waiting on table so he can wear out his old clothes!"... At the Blue Network News Room: "Here's a flash that Hitler's getting married, but it doesn't say who's the unlucky woman!"

Definition of Love: Marine Captain Bill Campbell from Dallas offered this definition to a group of his buddies between battles on Iwo Jima: "Love—between a man and a woman—is that which remains when sexual emotions subside; that which abhors lust, defects and controls desire, and has for its basic principle—respect!"

Memos of a Curfew-Society Man: Peter Arno's risgay razor ad cartoons won him the Art Directors' award for the best black-and-white drawings of the year... Sigmund Romberg's concert tour turned into a gold mine, SRO everywhere... Robert Merrill, one of the 7 finalists on the Met Opera auditions of the Air (the winner gets a Met contract), was offered a role in the Met Opera months ago... Adriana Caselotti, the voice of Snow White, was married a few weeks ago in Los Angeles to Robert Chard... The Ray Bensons will have an image in the Fall. Benson's orchestra is a click at the Persian Room... Swelegant suggestion from a reader: "Why not emphasize the importance of the Statue of Liberty (in Times Square) by having its torch lighted during the brownout?"... The Jerry Lewises (Patti Palmer) are threeing. He's with the J. Dorsey crew... Earl Wilson and Nick Kepny are going together again... The Army's ban on servicemen being served after midnight did it, brother. Could you sit there and accept service when they mustn't?

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March 26, 1945

Mr. Walter Winchell
The New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

The communications which you recently forwarded were received on March 20, 1945, and your thoughtfulness in making them available to me is appreciated. Prompt consideration will be afforded the material contained in these letters.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

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WINCHELL TUESDAY

Walter Winchell

Coast-to-Coast

Man About Town

Isn't it true that Earl Browder has phifft with the Communist Political Ass'n? And that Wm. Z. Foster will prob'ly inherit the U. S. Commy throne?... Lols Long's intimates hear she will reveal an unhappy flash—even though her heart isn't in it... Gloria Vanderbilt Sr. and her "heart" have parted... Winthrop Rockefeller's plastic surgery is the talk of the navy. Nearly all his severe burns have been erased... Nancy De Marigny, they say will seek an annulment mainly because a Reno divorce is not recognized in any part of the British Isles.

Att'n FBI: The Chinese secret service is operating in the U.S.A., sometimes crossing wires with G-men... They are collecting info against anyone opposed to Chiang Kai-Shek... They already have tried to tear down one U.S. official (who along with Gen. Stilwell) didn't agree with Chiang... In the end they had to back down when two U.S. Senators threatened to unveil the whole thing on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

Clara Belle Walsh (Odd McIntyre once wrote that she had the most beautiful head in town) is being squired everywhere by an "decorator" from her home-town, Lexington, Ky... Lord Halifax was the victim of some wild erratum. It included the rumor that he was "out of order" and fell at a H'wood party. It wasn't His Excellency. It was a British attache... A bell captain at the Savoy Plaza is suing a lovely femme guest for fifty smackers he loaned her... Arline Judge calls her intended 4th groom nearly every 20 minutes and vice versa... Some major leagues sadly agree that Pete Gray (the one-armed outfielder) "hasn't a chance" to stay on the big-time.

In that surprise raid on Tito's headquarters (many months ago) four British war correspondents were machine-gunned to death... Commentator Norman Jay and Ruth Robins were City-Hall'd the other noon... Att'n District Attorney Hogan: That material on the Langford case was air-mailed last night... Incidentally, ain't "The Dickenson Follies" which sent several participating orgy-ites to the boosegow) operating, again?... There is no easing up of the apart-

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worse... Congrats to the State of Florida on its passage of the anti-discrimination law. The first Southern State to do so in the march against bigotry.

The ~~East~~ ~~Chickasaw~~, who recently saw a Bronx gazette, are now dickering to buy a Brooklyn paper... Detroit is plotting to have a World's Fair at Belle Island six months after the war with the Japs... Prof. Cugat has a big surprise-click for his next film, "Holiday in Mexico" a honey... Congress will probe the Army Ex's... Big business fears they may become a postwar retail threat... S/Sgt. Bill Mauldin (the Army's star crayonist) and the entire editorial and mechanical staff of the Rome (Italy) Stars and Stripes were recently disciplined by Maj. Robert Neville and Major Robert Christenson for "being out of uniform" on Rome streets. They were confined to the stuffy 4th floor quarters of the paper for 3 nights. The Majors were snubbed by all for a week.

Red Cross workers (men and women) are not permitted to wear their service ribbons when they come home... The Red Cross doesn't give them a letter, ribbon, button or card to show they've served overseas. But Red Cross workers in the U. S. get badges, and blood donors get buttons, as do those who take first aid courses... And, for as little as two bucks (during the War Fund drive), anyone can get a contributor's badge, sticker and card. But for overseas service—nuttin'! Hmf! (clip this and mail to your nearest Red Cross chapter or, better still, to Basil O'Connor, Red Cross, Washington, D. C. That'll learn 'em!).

Some night spots (stuck with phony checks) now make "unknowns" fingerprint a check before cashing... Add good new books: "There Goes an Actor" by the late Alexander Granach. He played the role of fisherman in the play, "Adano"... It's a baby-joy for the Dr. Richard A. Hayden at St. Catherine's Hosp... The 101 Ranch Show resumes on the road next month, starting in L. A. at the Coliseum... Add look-alikes: Sec'y of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and FDR (at his best)... Dorothy Thompson hasn't recovered yet. Had to spend a day in bed after a tour of Berchtesgarden... Bing's swlegant crack about Father's Day: "A father is the guy who gets the purple heart on his wallet on the first of every month."

Morey Amsterdam (who co-auth'd "Rum and Co-ah Co-lah") almost perished in San Francisco after an operation. He's honky-dooly now... Insiders say that Scotch whisky will be scarcer a year hence—than now... Sgt. Jimmy Cannon of Our Set has sent Ariens Francis a captured Nazi flag, which she has stuffed and bound into an ottoman on which guests will rest their tootsies. Editor and Publisher: Contact Ed. Jones (194 New York office) and get the lowdown on how S. F. publishers tried to make it difficult to have his paper experiment with the first transcontinental wirephoto newspaper.

When Herr Julius Streicher (the No. 1 anti-Semite in Germany) was arrested he denied being that—but admitted he might have had "a complex about the Jews"... Then he screamed that his guards and everybody "is Joosh!"... But were they?... One of his captors was named O'Brien—another was Doyle and another was named Schmidt... During his overseas joy-ride Senator Burton K. Wheeler had a public relations officer inform the correspondents "no press conferences"... Too bad," whipped Helen Kirkpatrick of a Chicago gazette. "that we didn't have a chance to tell him we didn't want to interview him!"

Postmaster Rob Hanneman and Sec'y Harold Ickes (both favorites over at this pulpit) are giving each other The Silent Treatment... The Russkvs already have 36 movie theaters running in Berlin... Fifteen Allied newspapermen died between D-Day and V-E-Day. 29 were wounded, five captured, one still missing... Judy Garland's sister, Dorothy, changed her name to avoid "cashing in on Judy's fame"... The Robert Huttons (Natalie Thompson) are threeing... Sec'y of War Henry Stimson once played the role of "The Prettv Little Page" in "MacBeth" at Phillips Academy in 1881... Lena Horne is purchaser of a swank midtown house, and the uppity neighbors are in a lather... Att'n visitors: Stay away from New York City... The hotel sitcheesyshun is worse because kin and pals (of returning veterans) have lammed the Big Burg... Coast spots mustn't sell you steaks, but it's okay via the hamburger route!... Att'n Mr. B. D. H. of Rochester, N. Y.: I have never attacked the Rpsian nation. I have critized the Earl Browder commies. I still consider Russia an All in the war not yet won.

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6 Million War Workers To Lose Jobs V-J Day

By ALLAN L. SWINE,
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Millions of discharge slips will be shoved into pay envelopes after fighting in the Pacific ends.

This will start a scramble for jobs that won't end until after men and women in the armed services become civilians again.

John Jones, tire builder, will keep right on at his job. Length of his work week may be cut, but he won't have to go job hunting. Joe Smith, munitions plant acid mixer, will be told there's no longer need for him. He'll have to look for work.

6,000,000 to Lose Jobs.

For every John there will be two Joes, government officials believe. They say some 6,000,000 of the nation's 8,000,000 war workers will have to find new jobs.

Joe will go to a U. S. Employment Service office and register. If the USES can't find a suitable job for him in a few days he can apply for unemployment compensation.

In most states he'll have to wait a week or two before he can start drawing compensation. He'll have to report each week to keep on getting the benefits.

Payments Vary.

He will receive \$15 to \$18 a week for 16 to 20 weeks if he can't find a job. (Some states pay more per week for longer periods. One state continues payments for only 14 weeks.)

Joe may have to adjust his living standards and use some of his savings before he finds a job. President Truman has recommended that Congress make it possible for workers like Joe to draw up to \$25 a week for as long as 26 weeks if they can't find jobs. Federal funds would sup-

plement state funds to make this possible.

Workers who man the nation's merchant ships and build and repair its fighting ships don't have the protection Joe enjoys.

State laws do not provide federal and maritime workers unemployment compensation.

President Truman asked Congress to give them jobless benefits similar to those of other workers.

Employees of many small subcontractors will be on their own, too. An employer must hire more than seven employees for at least 20 weeks before employees can qualify for employment compensation.

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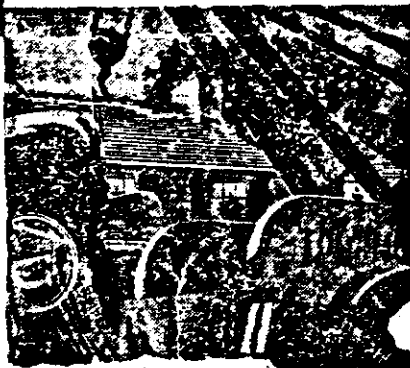
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Touring Editors Favor World Rally On News Freedom

Indorse Proposal For a Conference In Australia

By the United Press.
WASHINGTON, June 11. — A proposed world conference in Australia on freedom of news was indorsed today by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, on recommendation of three globe-circling U. S. editorial leaders.

The newspaper men reported yesterday to ASNE directors on their 40,000 mile tour, during which they discussed freedom of the Press and communications with most of the world's political and military leaders.

They said they found many governments controlling the press politically, under the guise of war security, and that foreign editors desired more press freedom than most nations have permitted.

Russians Skeptical

They reported that Russian newspaper men are skeptical of the American conception of a free press, but that Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs, L. A. Lazowsky, voiced willingness to seek a common ground for freer exchange of news and fuller mutual coverage.

The ASNE-sponsored tour, started in January and completed last April, was made by Wilbur Porter, assistant editor of the New York Herald Tribune; Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, and Carl W. Ackerman, dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

The main objective of the trip was to obtain in peace treaties a pledge from government "not to censor news at the source, not to use the press as an instrument of national policy and to permit a free flow of news in and out of signatory countries."

General Findings

The editors reported the following general findings:

"It was evident . . . that many governments were controlling the press politically under the guise of war security.

"These people (in Italy and Germany) emerge today from the ruin of war knowing little or nothing of the world around them.

"Some editors abroad are under the impression that the American press is dominated by the advertiser and that much of American thinking is directed towards undemocratic policies by so-called newspaper 'trusts' or chains."

The travelers said the proposal for a world conference on freedom of news was advanced by Greek and Australian editors.

Actress Weds



Jane S. Bell, 24, stage and screen actress, was married Saturday to Monte Proser, owner of the Copacabana night club, here, by Justice of the Peace Donald E. Delancey in New Hope, Pa.

GI Who Hit PWs Seized as AWOL

By the Associated Press.
FORT DEVENS, Mass., June 11. — Pvt. Joe McGee, who recently was relieved of a two-year sentence at hard labor for striking nine German prisoners of war in France, was in the guard house today following his arrest on charge of being absent without leave.

Army officials said he was taken into custody Saturday night by two military intelligence men at Worcester less than 24 hours after leaving the post.

It's GI



Browder Out of Party

No Mudders Show In Montana Race

By the Associated Press.
MANCHESTER, Mont., June 11.—Election Judge Oscar Johnson sadly penned this report on a recent election:
"No election—mud."
Only Mr. Johnston battled the

quagmired roads to the polling setup, then maintained lonely vigils as both the other election judges and voters failed to appear.
The cruelest cut: one man cannot constitute an election board and Mr. Johnson himself could not cast a ballot.

Joins Calvary Staff

The Rev. Ernest W. Churchill has joined the staff of Calvary Episcopal Church, Fourth Ave. and 21st St., as associate rector and associate warden of the new Calvary Clergy School, it was announced yesterday. He served as rector of Grace Church, Nyack, N. Y., for 13 years.

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Foster Blast Virtually Reads

Worker Article Condemns Acceptance of Capitalism And Defense of New Deal

You'll Do, Bill, You'll Do

America's Communists were reeling dizzily today over a fierce castigation of Earl Browder in yesterday's Worker, edited by Browder, which charged their beloved leader with rank heresy and a betrayal of both the working class and the Communist movement into the hands of "reactionary capitalists."

The official denunciation, in effect reading Browder out of the movement returning the Communist Political Assn. to the former status of a revolutionary political party, was made by William Z. Foster, speaking for the National Board.

Among other insulting assertions, it accused Browder of "opportunistic complacency" arising out of "his desire not to offend the big capitalists . . ."

Browder Publishes Reply.

Browder, in turn, was permitted to publish his answer. His defense was that he had dissolved the Communist party in order to guarantee the fourth-term election of the late President Roosevelt.

Said Browder, "If we had decided otherwise, Roosevelt would have lost."

"That cannot be proved," he added, "but it can be proved in my opinion that our action strengthened the Roosevelt forces . . . and not knowing what the margin of victory would be, we would have been criminally guilty if we had failed to take the action that threw any measure of weight on the side of electoral success."

In four printed columns of invective, Foster, vice president of the Communist association, accused its president of "revisionism" of Marxist dogma. This is the term for blasphemy in the radical movement.

'Blow to Workers'

"The practical effects of this false conception," Foster went on, "are to throw the workers under the reactionary influence of the big capitalists and to blunt their progressive and revolutionary initiative. . . . Such revisionism is a reflection in the workers' ranks of the class interests of the big bourgeoisie."

Browder carried his "reliance upon the 'intelligence' and 'progressivism' of the big bourgeoisie to the point of utter absurdity," said Foster. "This nonsense injured our party's prestige and had the workers been foolish enough to believe it, they would have been rendered helpless in the face of the profit-hungry capitalists."

Denouncing Browder's "easy acceptance" of capitalism's slogan of "free enterprise," Foster declared:

"This demagogic watchword was in reality a demand for a free hand, economically and politically for the monopolists. Frankness

compels the admission that Roosevelt, Wallace, Murray and others did a better job at exposing the reactionary content of this big business slogan than Comrade Browder did. . . ."

Party Errors Listed.

"He has not even mentioned publicly the concept or the term 'American imperialism' for the past 18 months."

Listing a series of grievous errors committed by the Communists, Foster said, "We made the mistake, under Browder's influence, of failing to criticize many errors and shortcomings of the Roosevelt government." Foster cited "our recent defense of the appointment of Stettinius, a reactionary, as Secretary of State."

Foster contemptuously repudiated Browder's book, "Sheran, Our Path in War and Peace," which served as the American Communists' official bible for the past year and was hailed by them as one of the most important political documents of the 20th century.

On "the groundless assumption that capitalism is now progressive," Foster said, Browder developed in "Teheran," a "capitalist utopia which far outdid anything produced anywhere by Social Democratic revisionists. . . ."

Duclos' Attack Repeated.

"He even abandoned all criticism of capitalism as a system of exploitation of the workers."

Condemning Browder's "harmful action of dissolving the Communist party," the Foster declaration parrots the new line laid down for America's Communists by Jacques Duclos, French Communist leader, after the latter's consultation with Communist leaders in Moscow.

It was disclosure of Duclos' document by the World-Telegram May 23 which precipitated the current inner-Communist wrangling.

The Browder policies now ex-coriated by Foster and the National Board (with only Browder dissenting) had been accepted unanimously by them in May, 1944.

In his printed defense yesterday, Browder characterized the new line as "a mistake — and . . . a mistake which is doubly unforgivable when it is made by Marxists who should know better."

Man Hangs Himself

Shortly after announcing he would attend 9 a. m. mass, John Romano, 63-year-old unemployed railroad laborer, committed suicide yesterday by hanging in the hallway of his home, 118 E. 118th St. His wife, Margaret, said he had been despondent since a recent operation.



"If you really want to find out about the war, talk to a real infantryman, not to characters like me!" That's what S/Sgt. William H. (Bill) Mauldin, 23, whose Pulitzer prize-winning cartoons of G.I. Joe appear daily in the World-Telegram, said on his arrival at La Guardia Field. Sgt. Bill, who has 131 discharge points, said he is looking forward to seeing his 22-month-old son, Bruce, for the first time. His wife and baby live in Los Angeles, Calif.

Woltman Assailed In Browder Book

Earl Browder's "Teheran," the Communists' Bible, which his colleagues scathingly repudiated yesterday, singles out for attack a World-Telegram staff writer who had disclosed vacillating Communist policy:

"The journalistic unmentionable, Frederick Woltman, issues public orders to some of the most powerful men and women

in America—and they jump to obey him with an alacrity that would never display to an order from the President of the United States!"

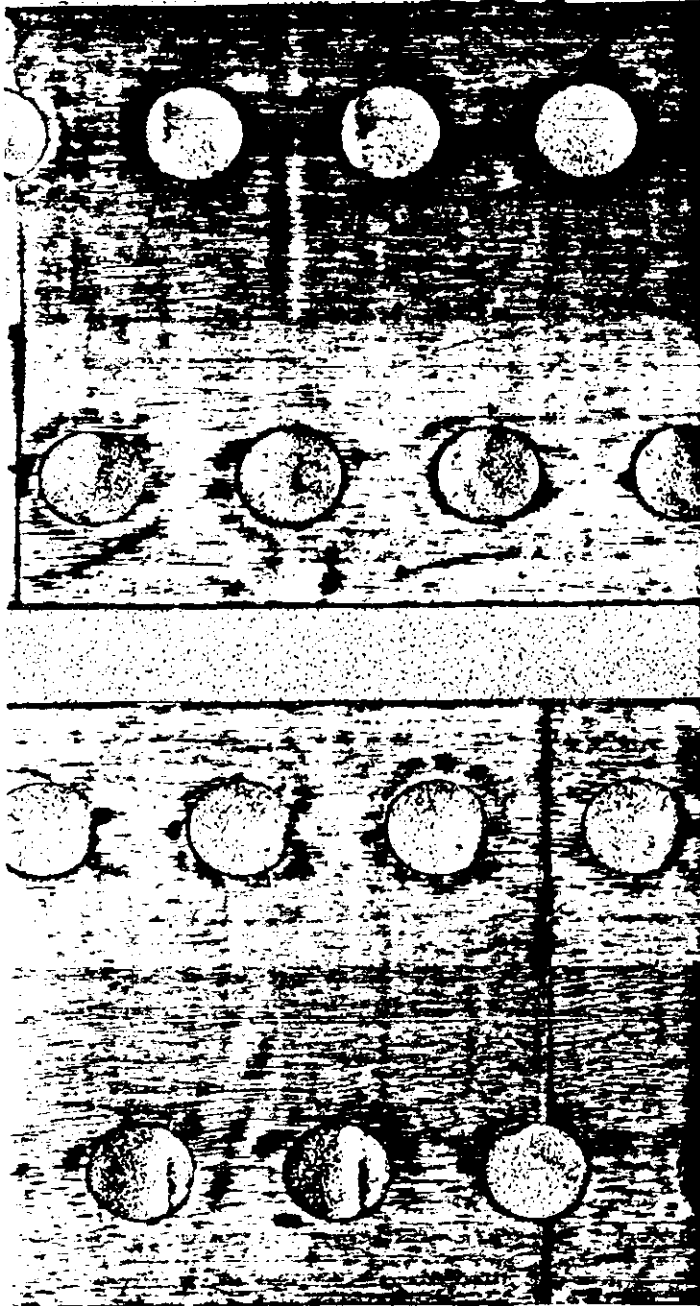
Browder never explained precisely what this meant; but William Z. Foster now says the book "violated many basic principles of Marxism-Leninism."

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Attached received from Walter Winchell.

WILLIAM Z.

Notation reads: Important, Tell Hoover. The Browder Foster item led off my L.A., S.F. and Oakland papers Tuesday where I sent dupls.

Tell Ed James at Times about kill on item regarding him.

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Dear W.W.:

REV. & T.M. TO CRYST & H.M.

Please see [unclear]'s changes and kills. I took out the Earl Browder
roster item because the Mirror published it and on checking with Archie he
told me it had been printed widely. Also see story in World-Telly--attached.

Also note that I combined the first and third paragraphs, making
the DeMarigny item 1st. It was too short because I had to take out the
Browder item and also the Choderov item (was in other columns.)

When I protested about the Thackreys, he said okay--but it was she
not he, who did the buying.

I left in the Pete Gray item because you are quoting some major
leaguers.

He wouldn't allow the Ed James item because "we have two papers
there and it's a sock at us." He wouldn't let me say "coast papers" instead
of San Francisco. So I used the jockey-Santa Anita item you gave me via
the phone Sunday.

Hope it's okay.

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Important

See Harry John

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GCC:mmh

DATE: June 21, 1945

TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN - June 21, 1945;
Story that FBI Arrested Bill Neff, Former
Army Lieutenant Colonel as a Suspected Spy

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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A search of the Bureau's records and inquiry of the Miami Office has failed to divulge any information indicating that there is a scintilla of truth in the story written by Walter Winchell in his column in the New York Daily Mirror on June 21, 1945. The story was to the effect that an individual named Bill Neff, a West Point graduate who performed, according to the story, very valuable intelligence work for the Army in Sweden and Finland, had returned to the United States, been discharged from the Army, obtained a position in the cast of a motion picture "They were Expendable", and while on location, had been arrested by the FBI at the time a Nazi prisoner of war escaped in Florida because the FBI suspected Neff of being a spy.

Neither Supervisor G. C. Callan, whose unit handles Escaped Prisoners of War or Supervisor C. W. Evans, the supervisor on the Escaped Prisoner of War desk have any recollection of any such occurrence. A review of the Bureau's files was negative.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge John Madala of the Miami Office telephonically advised that approximately two months ago while the picture "They were Expendable" was being filmed in Florida, the Miami Office received a call from ONI to the effect that a rumor was current that the Director of the picture was going to attempt to pull a publicity stunt. An actor would be dressed in the uniform of a Japanese Navy officer and would appear on the streets in Miami. The purpose of course for this publicity stunt was to determine how long he could remain at liberty unrecognized in the uniform of an officer of the Navy of an enemy nation.

A similar stunt, you will recall, was pulled by the Washington Star newspaper. On that occasion, a copy boy was dressed in the uniform of a Nazi officer and was almost immediately stopped by two of the Bureau's supervisors. Mr. Madala advised that no such occurrence materialized in Miami, although the Miami Office was on the alert for it.

We have of course numerous files on individuals named William Neff and all were reviewed but none contained any information indicating that an occurrence such as mentioned by Mr. Winchell took place.

One possible foundation for the story that Neff, the former Army officer was apprehended by the FBI in Florida, is found in the case entitled, "Morris Stanley Neff, Lena Lunsford Neff, William Henry Neff, Selective Service" in which Miami is the office of origin. On July 1, 1944, the three subjects were taken into custody by the Miami Office. This case involved a son, Morris Stanley Neff, and his parents, who

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are the other two subjects. Morris Stanley Neff had been secreted by his parents in their home at Miami, Florida, and had failed to register for Selective Service. Because of the length of time the boy had been hidden and his rather emaciated condition, which resulted from his seclusion, the case received a tremendous amount of publicity. Stories were written concerning it in the Stars and Stripes, London, England, and Rome, Italy. Practically every newspaper in the United States carried either a story or photographs in connection with this case. It is to be noted that the father of the subject was named William Neff and he actually was taken into custody by the Miami Office on the Selective Service charge. This case was disposed of by the boy being allowed to register and prosecution was declined as to all persons involved, the United States Attorney stating at the time that he did not feel any good purpose would be served by prosecuting them.

This case represents the only instance of an individual by the name of William Neff being taken into custody by the Miami Office of the Bureau.

Assistant SAC Madala also advised that at the time the picture "They were Expendable" was being filmed on an island in Biscayne Bay, near Miami, the Bureau published wanted circulars as a result of information obtained in the Colepaugh-Gimpoel case on three German spies who may have come to this country, named Zuhlsdorf, Wilms, and Schneemann. A rumor started in Miami to the effect that one of these individuals had been picked up by the FBI on the island on which the motion picture was being made. Madala stated the rumor was quite prevalent in Miami but there was absolutely no foundation for it. He stated that he had reviewed the file on this case and had definitely ascertained that none of our agents had been over on the island conducting any investigation and no individual named Neff had been interviewed in connection with it. He also stated that Winchell, who happened to be in Florida during January, February, and March, did frequently call the Miami Office in connection with the case. Mr. Madala advanced this story as having some possible connection with Winchell's article of June 21.

Walter Winchell

Coast-to-Coast

The New York-Hollywood Express

Faces About Town: Peggy Ann Garner (star of "Junior Miss") New Yorking on furioaf from the 20th Century-Foxholes... Kath Cornell (one of the thittir's best advertisements) who has her own offices at 1270 Sixth Ave., the real name of Radio City... Sally Ellers dining with her former spouse, Harry Joe Brown, their young son and Sally's 84-year-old daddy on Father's Day... Mr. and Mrs. America crowding the Manhattan hotel foyers awaiting the home-comings of their G. L. Josephs and G. L. Jakes from overseas... Grand old-timer Barney Baruch front-rowing at the play, "Common Ground"... In Sherman Syelsgnillib's Stork Cub-room: Bing C., Bob H., Jack B., Annie S. and Steve H.... Ray Milland at Ciro's displaying a nimble rhumba-samba routine... Bruce Cabot driving "the car of the future"—the first of its kind, a stream-lined eye-catcher.

Sallies in Our Alley: Carroll Case relays the chit-chat between Samuel Hopkins Adams (author of the new book about the late Alexander Woolcott) and Sinclair Lewis. "I had a tough time writing it," said Adams... "Why?" said Lewis. "All you had to say was that at times Alex was an aggravating so-and-so—and you'd have told the entire story!"... Billy Banks, the Diamond Horseshoe tenor, tells about the little deer who felt she shouldn't pay all her life "for one moosetake!"

American Vignette: One of the punchiest radio programs was "This is My Story" the other evening... It concerned a jilted girl... After an emotional scene she laughed... "Why are you laughing?" she was asked... "I just happened to think of something Confucius said," she answered. "Two tears met. One was the tear of a jilted woman. The other said: 'Don't be too sad. I'm the tear of the woman who got him!'"

Memos of a Midnigher: Were Fritz Mandl and his side-kick (Prince Ernst von Stahrenberg) flown to the U. S. from Argentina? Mandl (according to underground sources) has been Col. Peron's closest pal in building Argentina's war machine. Perhaps Avra Warren of the State Dep't would know. Warren headed an American mission to Argentina after her phony declaration of war... George O. Welles, the oracle, has been ordered to slow down by medicos "or you will blow up"... The Band Box's ace comic, Jimmy Ames, will appear in "Whistle Stop," starring G. Raft... H. Hover's first open air show (at the Hollywood Bowl) starts on the 27th. T. Dorsey's crew, Lene Horne, Tito Guizar, Victor Borge and others will pack the great stadium... Americans: Send a memo of thanks to Eugene Segal of the Cleveland Press. His reporting exposed pro-Hitler Joe McWilliams there. How about the Newspaper Guild remembering him with an award?

Novelettes: At the Band Box the other night a returned serviceman, with many campaign ribbons and a pair of crutches, said: "I want to say thanks to all the newspapermen who have done so much for servicemen"... "And all of us on the papers," replied this reporter, "want to thank you and your comrades for all you've done for America. Won't you join us and have a drink?"... "No, thank you," he said. "I mustn't let these sticks get tipsy!"... A movie starlet said to another girl: "Would you happen to know where I can get an apartment?"... "Ha, ha!" howled the latter. "If I did, I'd take it myself. I'm tired of the girl I'm living with now. I'm the best maid—she ever had!"... Overheard: "I saw a man in the subway today who looked just like President Truman"... "You've got it all wrong. People don't look like Truman—he looks like the people!"

The Big Time: Gil Lamb's rib-tickling at the Paramount... Spitalny's Evelyn and her violinspiring solos via Hour of Charm... Harry James' music via CBS Friday eves... Pearl Bailey at the Zanzibar... David Street singing "Nevada" and "Don't Care Who Knows It" (Victor)... Carmen Cavallaro's Decca platter of "Polonaise" ("Voodoo Moon" on the reverse)... The Merry Macs on the Hall of Fame show... The astonishing tricks of Burton's birds at the Blue Angel. Make you think you've had tee many martoonix.

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Showfolks' Smalltalk: Locals hear Nancy De Marigny's next room may be Brazilian Jose Lacorda, who has his own mint. Others in the troupe debunk the malarkey that Sinatra isn't popular overseas. They "swoon" when he comes on as a gag, but they wind up pounding their hands after every ballad... Tommy Lymal is the big reason Jimmy Ryan's on E. 54th St. attracts so many celebs... One up-and-coming comedian is now working for the book-makers. Lost 25 Gs to date, the chump... At Ciro's (in H'wood) the real names of two waiters (partners) are: Young and Innocent... A reader named Norton postcards: "Just found out who Yehudi is! He's Laura's boy friend!"... Signs of the times: In the window of an 86th St. restaurant: "Cooks wanted. No experience necessary."

Short Story: Bill Neff (Class '38 at West Point) went to Heidelberg in a scholarship swap. Later he graduated from Randolph Flying School (Texas) and made Patton's staff over here... In 1940 he was assigned to Sweden and Finland "on secret missions"... He can handle the Swedish and Finn languages with ease... In civvie there he learned much during the Nazi occupation of those countries... To "test him" the Nazis put Neff in their army where he learned plenty for U. S. intelligence experts. The Nazis never got hep to Neff's counter-espionage... Back in the U. S. (as a Lt. Colonel) he was honorably discharged... In Florida director John Ford put him in the cast of "They Were Expendable"... Neff had to grow a beard for the role... While on location a Nazi prisoner of war escaped, and Neff (who fooled Nazis) was collared by the FBI, who held him on suspicion "as a spy!"

Broadway Wiseguy Dep't: A group of theatrical people were discussing the plight of a famed woman star also known for her charities—collecting and giving funds for others in need... She turned over her own fortune to a kinsman for safekeeping and investment... He suddenly died, and she learned her money affairs were considerably out of order... "Imagine that, and she is so smart!" said a friend... "Not so smart," said a newspaperman. "Never let anybody count your money for you. Let them count your laundry!"

Sounds in the Night: At Theodore's: "His life story in two words: Gals, gallons"... At 12 Acres: "He's had four wives"... "So wot? Maybe he likes wedding cake!"... At Noel Toy's: "Aren't we women wacky, wicked and wonderful?"... At Provincial Inn: "There's nothing wrong with him. He's just over-sexless"... At Reuben's: "When searching for Hitler, why don't someone look into the closets of you know what Washington politicians?"... At the Stork bar: "He may be Eisenhower to Americans but he was Eisenhowitz to Nazis!"

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What are the facts? It sounds fantastic.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 6/27/45

FROM : MR. S. S. [Signature]

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN - June 21, 1945;
Story that FBI Arrested Bill Neff, Former
Army Lieutenant Colonel as a Suspected Spy

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
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You will recall that Winchell in his column of June 21st indicated that former Lieutenant Colonel Bill Neff had been collared by the FBI who held him on suspicion "as a spy." Winchell has described Neff as having been on secret missions in Sweden and Finland and having been put in the Nazi Army where he learned "plenty for U. S. Intelligence experts." Winchell indicated that Neff had received an honorable discharge.

In an effort to determine how much of this story might be true, Neff's service record was obtained through Major Thomas W. Simpson, Washington Liaison Branch, Military Intelligence Service. The record revealed that William Polwell Neff was born June 13, 1913, at Wilmington, Delaware. He enlisted as a Private in the United States Army, ASN 6704477, on June 3, 1932, serving until June 3, 1933, and at that time was appointed to West Point by Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania when the principal and both the first and second alternates failed the mental examination. On January 10, 1935, Neff was dropped from West Point for academic deficiency but passed a reexamination and was permitted to reenter West Point August 25, 1935. Upon his graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, ASN O-21347, on June 14, 1938, and was assigned to Randolph Field, Texas, where he took both the primary and advanced flying course. He was given a temporary rank of First Lieutenant on September 9, 1940; permanent rank of First Lieutenant June 14, 1941; temporary rank of Major July 25, 1942; and temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Corps July 15, 1943. He was assigned to the Military Intelligence Service for temporary duty on June 29, 1942, and on July 27, 1942, was made Assistant Military Attache to Finland and Sweden. He was relieved of this assignment on April 1, 1943, and relieved from duty with the Military Intelligence Service on July 1, 1943. He submitted his resignation for the good of the service on August 2, 1944, and it was accepted August 25, 1944. It should be noted that this is not a dishonorable discharge which can only be given after a court-martial.

There is no indication in the file that Neff's assignment in Finland and Sweden was other than that of an Assistant Military Attache, and there is no indication that he was ever in the Nazi Army.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

HHC:ME

TO : The Director

DATE: July 2, 1945

FROM : D. W. Ladd

SUBJECT: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

Walter Winchell

Pursuant to your instructions there are set forth below chronological data concerning certain events leading up to the fatal shooting of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd by Bureau Agents on Monday, October 22, 1934, at approximately 4:25 p.m., 8 miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio.

EVENTS LEADING UP TO FATAL SHOOTING OF "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

At 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1934, Special Agent Harris telephoned the Bureau from Cincinnati and advised that he had learned from the Sheriff at Steubenville, Ohio, that the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio had apprehended Adam Richetti and that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in that vicinity that morning. Agent Harris did not indicate the exact time this incident occurred.

At 5:20 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1934, SAC Waters of the Pittsburgh Office telephoned Mr. E. A. Tamm and advised that the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio had apprehended Richetti just outside of Wellsville but that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had escaped after having been allegedly shot in the stomach by the Chief of Police at Wellsville. The precise time that this incident occurred was not indicated.

At 7:35 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1934, Mr. Purvis telephoned you from Wellsville, Ohio, with regard to the apprehension of Adam Richetti and the search for "Pretty Boy" Floyd. At that time Mr. Purvis advised that Richetti had been apprehended by the local officers at Wellsville at which time Floyd, who allegedly had been shot by the Wellsville Chief of Police, managed to effect his escape into the woods located in the vicinity of Wellsville. Mr. Purvis likewise did not indicate the precise time that this incident had occurred. However, he stated that the Bureau Agents would comb the woods that night in an effort to locate Floyd.

At 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 21 Special Agent Di Lillo telephoned the Bureau and advised Mr. E. A. Tamm that the capture of Richetti and the escape of Floyd from the local officers at Wellsville mentioned heretofore had occurred shortly after 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 20, 1934.

At 9:20 a.m. on Monday, October 22, 1934, Mr. Purvis telephoned you from East Liverpool and advised that he had no word on Floyd. At that time you told Mr. Purvis that the morning paper had carried a big story from the Chief of Police at Wellsville telling how he had shot Floyd in the stomach and that, according to the Chief, this took place on Sunday morning, October 21. Mr. Purvis stated, however, that he was positive that this incident had occurred around noon on Saturday, October 20 and, furthermore, that if Floyd had been wounded at all, it was merely a small flesh wound in his arm.

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At 12:15 p.m. on Monday, October 22 you will remember that you told Colonel Gates of the Department that the Bureau was still hunting for Floyd.

At 4:25 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 1934, you will recall that you telephoned the Attorney General and advised him that the Bureau Agents had just shot and mortally wounded Floyd 8 miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio.

The apprehension order concerning Floyd which was issued on October 23, 1935, reflected that Floyd was killed near Clarksen, Ohio, on October 22, 1934. At the coroner's investigation which was conducted on Tuesday, October 23, Chief of Police H. J. McDermott of East Liverpool, Ohio, testified that the fatal shooting of Floyd occurred around 4:00 o'clock on Monday afternoon, October 22.

Upon the completion of the coroner's investigation, he found after a complete hearing of the known facts regarding the activities of Floyd from Saturday, October 20 to Monday, October 22, that Floyd was justly shot to death by a combined force of Agents of the Department of Justice and officers of the East Liverpool Police Department while making an armed attempt to escape.

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At 9:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 21 Mr. Cole Morgan of the Universal News Service telephoned the Bureau and advised that he had just received a radio announcement to the effect that Floyd had been shot at Wellsville or Bellsville, Ohio, by Department of Justice Agents and had escaped. He asked if the Bureau could furnish him information on this point and Special Agent G. N. Lowden advised him that the Bureau had no statement concerning this incident. Mr. Morgan called back a little later at 10:15 p.m. and advised that he had received further information to the effect that Floyd had not been involved but that Adam Richetti had been captured. He stated that he was passing this information along to the Bureau for whatever value it might have.

At 10:20 p.m. on Sunday, October 21 Mr. Russell Turner of the United Press telephoned the Bureau and inquired whether we had any information concerning the "Pretty Boy" Floyd story which had just broken. He was informed by Special Agent Lowden that the Bureau had no statement to make concerning this story at this time.

In the October 22, 1934, issue of the "Washington Herald" under a Wellsville, Ohio, October 21 (US) date line there appeared an account of the gun battle in which Floyd allegedly was shot in the stomach by the Chief of Police at Wellsville and Richetti was captured. The account of the shooting was furnished to the newspaper by Chief of Police J. H. Fults of Wellsville.

Following is the pertinent portion of Walter Winchell's radio broadcast of Sunday night, October 21, 1934 concerning the shooting of Floyd by the Chief of Police at Wellsville:

".....Wellsville, Ohio - Pretty Boy Floyd was shot in the stomach this morning at Wellsville, Ohio, by local officers, and Adam Richetti, his man Friday, is in custody at Wellsville. Floyd is hiding in the woods and a large force of Federal Agents in the dense woodland to make the capture....."

It would seem that the above-mentioned portion of Winchell's broadcast was based upon information released by Chief of Police Fultz at Wellsville.

At 4:41 p.m. on Monday, October 22 Mr. Connor of the "Chicago Daily News" telephoned the Bureau and stated that the Attorney General had just given out the information that the Department of Justice Agents, a few moments heretofore, had shot and killed "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Walter Winchell's Tuesday column in the "New York Daily Mirror" normally carries the same information which he broadcasts in his previous Sunday night broadcast but in the "New York Daily Mirror" for Tuesday, October 23, 1934, Winchell's column sets forth the following:

"Two charming young ladies from a local university gazette were just in and the usual query came up: 'How do you get your news?' — we gave them the usual answer: 'From a lot of people who promised somebody that they would keep it a secret!' — That always serves to remind the readers that there isn't a law that can make us reveal a source — which is why we could not reveal it to the curious execs who wanted to know from where we learned that Pretty Boy Floyd had been shot in the Wellsville, Ohio, woods and that Adam Richetti, his companion, had been captured — It was the most exciting exclusive we have had in our ten years on the newspapers — We flashed it at 9:31 p.m. and it was confirmed by Federal officials, via news services, at 10:45 p.m. the same night — an hour and 14 minutes scoop — as a result the Daily Mirror, our alma matter, was on the streets with the blazing banner and bulletin, while competitors were flashing: 'Stand by for a rumor of Pretty Boy Floyd!'"

CONCLUSION

From the information set forth hereinbefore it will be seen that the alleged shooting of Floyd by the local officers at Wellsville, Ohio, occurred around noon on Saturday, October 20, 1934, and that no information concerning this incident was given to the press by the Bureau. The account of this shooting, which was broadcast by Walter Winchell on Sunday night, October 21, 1934, was apparently based upon information furnished to the press by Chief of Police Fultz of Wellsville, Ohio, which appeared in the October 22 issue of the "Washington Herald" under a Wellsville, Ohio, October 21 (US) date line. The fatal shooting of Floyd by the Bureau Agents occurred at approximately 4:25 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 1934, which information was immediately furnished to the press by the Attorney General's Office. It should be noted that the fatal shooting of Floyd received extensive publicity which was very favorable to the Bureau.

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JEM:CSH

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE:

2:40 p.m.,
6/27/45

FROM : J. E. Mumford

SUBJECT: Broadcast re shooting of Pretty Boy Floyd,
October, 1934

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Miss Gandy	

Walter Winchell

SAC Conroy called from New York at this time relative to our efforts to secure a transcript of Winchell's broadcast regarding the shooting of Floyd, in October, 1934.

Mr. Conroy advised they have talked with [redacted]

[redacted] good special service contact of the New York Office, and he has informed them that Lennen & Mitchell have only handled the Jergens Lotion program since 1936, so the script was not available there; [redacted] is going to discreetly obtain this script from the J. Walter Thompson agency (which handled the program before Lennen & Mitchell), and will furnish the script to the New York Office as soon as he receives it.

In connection with this matter, Mr. Conroy further advised that Winchell's Tuesday column in the New York Daily Mirror normally carries the information which he had in his Sunday night broadcast, but in the New York Daily Mirror for Tuesday, October 23, 1934, his column sets forth the following:

"Two charming young ladies from a local university gazette were just in and the usual query came up: 'How do you get your news?' — we gave them the usual answer: 'From a lot of people who promised somebody that they would keep it a secret!' — That always serves to remind the readers that there isn't a law that can make us reveal a source — which is why we could not reveal it to the curious execs who wanted to know from where we learned that Pretty Boy Floyd had been shot in the Wellsville, Ohio woods and that Adam Richetti, his companion, had been captured — It was the most exciting exclusive we have had in our ten years on the newspapers — we flashed it at 9:31 p.m. and it was confirmed by Federal officials, via news services, at 10:45 p.m. the same night — an hour and 14 minutes scoop — as a result the Daily Mirror, our alma mater, was on the streets with the blazing banner and bulletin, while competitors were flashing: 'Stand by for a rumor of Pretty Boy Floyd!' "

Pretty Boy Floyd

Mr. Conroy also advised that the report of Agent [redacted] dated 10/22/34, at Chicago, indicates that Adam Richetti was arrested on 10/20/34 by Chief of Police Polts near Wellsville, Ohio, who identified one of Richetti's companions at the time of his arrest as possibly being Floyd; the companion escaped at that time. The report also states that on 10/21/34 Sheriff Ray B. Long, Steubenville, Ohio, advised the Bureau of Richetti's arrest and the possible location of Floyd, but does not show at what time Sheriff Long notified the Bureau of this arrest.

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As indicated above, [redacted] will secure the script of Winchell's broadcast and turn it over to Mr. Conroy, who will notify the Bureau as soon as it is received.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE:

5:20 p.m., 6-29-45

FROM : J. K. MUMFORD

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SUBJECT: Broadcast re shooting of Pretty Boy Floyd, October 1934

Walter Winchell

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ASAC Belmont called from NY at this time, stating he had a copy of Winchell's broadcast for October 21, 1934, and read the following portions of the broadcast, which are the only ones that could have had reference to the Bureau:

".....Wellsville, Ohio - Pretty Boy Floyd was shot in the stomach this morning at Wellsville, Ohio, by local officers, and Adam Richetti, his man Friday, is in custody at Wellsville. Floyd is hiding in the woods and a large force of Federal Agents in the dense woodland to make the capture....."

The following portion was several paragraphs further down:

".....The newspaper editorials are saluting J. Edgar Hoover and his Department of Justice men for their speediest work yet on the solving of the Alice B. Stoll kidnapping. The papers, however, stated that of the dozens of cases in their care they solved all but two, the June Robels and the Bremer snatches. This is in error. The only case the D. of J. hasn't solved is the Robels matter. They know those they want in the Bremer affair. Robinson, Jr., wanted for taking Mrs. Stoll, is described by the Government agents as a chap who could easily be spotted in a crowd, because of his effeminate walk and mannerism....."

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FROM : SAC, New York

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Attention: Mr. Mumford

In accordance with the telephonic conversation of Mr. Mumford with Assistant Special Agent in Charge A. H. Belmont of this office on June 29th, 1945, there is forwarded herewith a transcript of the Jergens program by Walter Winchell on Sunday, October 21st, 1934.

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(REMAINDER OF WINCHELL SCRIPT)

GRAUER:

Remember to try Jergens Lotion on your hands tomorrow. You can get a large bottle at any drug store or department store for only fifty cents ... or a big economy bottle for a dollar ... or you can get a handy smaller bottle at the ten cent store.

Next Sunday at this same hour Jergens Lotion will again present Walter Winchell. Ben Grauer speaking for the makers of Jergens Lotion who today are employing seventy-five percent more people than in 1929.

This is the National Broadcasting Company.

UNCLE:

And, believe, me, that's hard on the hands ... it makes the skin all shrively. There's a point in anatomy there, you ought to know. There are practically no oil glands in the skin on your hands ... the skin is non-oily. That's why it dries out so fast and chaps so easily.

BETTY:

What's your secret, Uncle? How do you keep your hands so nice with all your scrubbing up?

UNCLE:

Just before I leave the hospital every day I put Jergens Lotion all over my hands. That puts moisture back into the skin.

BETTY:

Then your prescription for me is Jergen's Lotion!

UNCLE:

I know of nothing better. It'll really make your hands better right away.

GRAUER:

Decide now you'll have soft, smooth, white hands. Begin tomorrow to use Jergens Lotion to replace the moisture your hands keep losing. Get a bottle of Jergens at a drug store, department store or a five and ten. And make sure you really get Jergens Lotion It's not only better but you get more Jergens for your money than you do of any other leading hand lotion.

And now back to Walter Winchell.

ANNOUNCER:

We take you to the home of Miss Betty Robinson. Enter, her favorite uncle, Dr Richard Robinson.

BETTY:

Why, Uncle Dick, you're just the man I wanted to see.

UNCLE: (Teasingly)

Sorry, Betty. I'm practically broke.....

BETTY:

I don't want to borrow any money, you old bear. I'd like a little professional advice, Dr Robinson.

UNCLE:

What's the trouble, Betty?

BETTY:

It's my hands ... they're so chapped they positively hurt....

UNCLE:

Well, now that's too bad, Betty. But I'm afraid it's really your own fault...

BETTY:

Why, Uncle Dick, how can you say that?

UNCLE:

You've let your hands go ... you've let them get chapped and rough.

BETTY:

It's been the cold weather.... and I've had to do all the dish washing since Mandy.....

UNCLE:

No, that alibi does not work with me. I probably have my hands in water more than you do.

BETTY:

That's right, you have to scrub up for five minutes before every operation don't you.....?

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA! If your wife screams at you for coming home late - or she argues when you want to see a Mae West movie - it is because of the paint on your walls. According to Dr Neil G Morrison - certain colors - shock the eyes - bringing on irritation and instead of causing spots - it brings on alimony. The doctor advises light blue or green for the kitchen, and dull orange or blue for the bedroom. Did you hear that, Mrs W?

And now, Mr Ben Grauer and company, speaking for Jergen's lotion. I'll be back in a flash with a flash.

(INSERT COMMERCIAL)

FLASH! I fear it doesn't look so good for Uncle Sam's flying pair Col Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangborn. The famous aviators are in the third place tonight in that England to Australia air derby. The British flyers, Scott and Black, we hear have just left Singapore for the Dutch East Indies - in a big lead. Turner and Pangborn, after being lost most of the day in India are now winging their way to Singapore. Parmentier and Mool, the Dutchmen, are in second place. By tomorrow evening your newspapers probably will have the final results.

Ladies and gentlemen - in last week's oddities - the name of Michael Sapsara of Pittsburgh was mentioned. Sapsara was the arrested chap who told the court his mother owned the still, so she was jailed and he was freed. Another resident of Pittsburgh named SUB-Saro was embarrassed by the similarity in names - and so let us clear him now. It was not SUB-saro it was SAP-sara... it is obvious that only a Sap would let his mother take the rap.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, concludes another Jergen's Hournal until next Sunday night at the same time. Until then - and with Lotions of Love - I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell - who found out a long time ago that people who place themselves on a pedestal - have no place to step - but off! Good night.

BEN: That's just what I mean. It's a pleasure to see you like this. Yowsah, yowsah, ladies and gentlemen, you've been hearing this guy Winchell flashing around like a lightning bug for some time. Now I'm going to take advantage of Jergen's kindness and do a bit of back flashing. In other words, a few flashes in the pan, Waltah! Fo'give me, fo'give me.

SWISH! I mean FLASH! The farmer from Maine says he's found the perfect goat food - it's Winchell's column! (BERNIE FILLS HERE UNTIL) Well, I'm not going to take up too much of Jergen's time. Seriously, it's been mighty nice to pay my respects to you all and my disrespects to Winchell. Honestly, few of youse guys and gals know that Walter and I exchange Xmas presents each year. He exchanges mine at Wanamaker's and I exchange his at the five and ten. And now Walter you've been so nice about the Pabst program I want to tell you that I heard a lady say the other day, that she regretted she had only two hands to give to Jergens - Good night Walter. Thanks Ben you read it just as I wrote it.

NEW YORK CITY! Thomas Cosgrove just passed two milestones. His 60th birthday and his 40th sentence to prison. Funny thing about this man - he has never murdered or kidnapped anyone - he never associated with gangsters - he's never stolen anything - and never committed what you and I would call a crime. All 40 of his prison terms were for - panhandling.

PECOS, TEXAS! When someone dies and mentions you in a will - that usually comes under the heading of good news. But Joe Hinson, who runs a drugstore here, isn't happy at all. His great grandfather died and left \$4,200. Hoe is mentioned in the will - but along with 8,448 others! His share will be fifty cents.

DES MOINES, IOWA: Roy Bowen of this state - is the father of 15 children. Last year he named the 14th child "Finis" meaning the last - or end - And Mr Bowen announced no more children in his family. However, a baby girl was born and she was appropriately named Patricia Sue - the Big Idea it seems, is that her initials are P. S.

KIMBALL, NEBRASKA! The other day, a tall, young man walked into the Kimball Seed Office - rushed up to Clarabelle Parrish, the bookkeeper, and stuck a gun in her shapely ribs. Then he yelled: "Faint!" Clarabelle immediately fell in a swoon and he walked out with \$28. Nothing like being obliging.

Stoll kidnapping. The papers, however, stated that of the dozens of cases in their care - they solved all but two - the June Robles and the Bremer snatches. This is in error - the only case the D of J haven't solved is the Robles matter - They know those they want in the Bremer affair - Robinson Jr, wanted for taking Mrs Stoll is described by the government agents as a chap who would easily be spotted in a crowd because of his effeminate walk and mannerisms.

CHICAGO: The romance between the attractive Joan Abbott and Champion Barney Ross is definitely on ice - by mutual consent.

MONTREAL: Mrs Giovanni Pheolas was sentenced here to a long prison term for conspiracy in the murder of her son-in-law. She is 71 years old - and she must serve 20 years. The judge told her: "You will be assured of shelter and attention for the rest of your life."

BY WAY OF THE HIGH SEAS!

NAIROBI, AFRICA: Stern measures have been taken by Kenya authorities to stamp out a new outbreak of the spear-blooding ritual - among native tribes.

DUBLIN, IRELAND! The Senate of the Irish Free State is expected to vote to abolish itself on December 5th, according to political gossip in Dublin. Mr DeValera will ask his followers to make him virtual Dictator.

MADRID, SPAIN! King Alfonso, aware that he may be recalled to his throne by Royalists - now that the Revolution has been put down - today issued an appeal for a United Spain! He said: "I am ready to free the country from all risks of destruction in this hour of need."

BERLIN GERMANY! As anticipated - Hitler has tripled his personal bodyguard - since the assassination of King Alexander. Hitler now - is by far - the most heavily protected and guarded man in the world.

And now, my friends, please forgive me for not warning you in time, but Public Enemy Number 2 (He says I'm number 1) is in the studio. Watch your watch and your overcoats - Radio's best known timewaster, and my favorite pain-in-the neck - Mr Ben Bernie!

BEN: You know Walter, it's really a pleasure to see you looking like this.

WALTER: What do you mean, you old maestrosity? I've got a cold, my head aches and I ache all over from something or other.

Good evening, Mr and Mrs North America and all the ships at sea - Let's go to press!

WELLSVILLE, OHIO: Pretty Boy Floyd was shot in the stomach this morning at Wellsville, Ohio, by local officers and Adam Richett his man Friday is in custody at Wellsville - Floyd is hiding in the woods - and a large force of federal agents in the dense woodlands to make the capture.

HOLLYWOOD: Jean Harlow has confided to her intimates - that when her final decree of divorce arrives - she will marry again - and that her next and third (or is it fourth) husband will be - William Powell!

LOS ANGELES: Mr Douglas Fairbanks, who didn't sail for Europe, as announced last week, but who changed his mind thirty minutes before sailing time - probably will remain Mary Pickford's husband, after all. But there will be no complete reconciliation, it appears. Both Mary and Doug prefer to remain the best of friends, as the saying goes.

CALLANDAR, ONTARIO! Our recent flash in the column a few weeks ago - that the Dionnes, famous for their quintuplets - were anticipating another blessed adventure in March - was denied by all concerned - Universal Service, however, confirmed your N Y correspondent's news on Thursday - that the Dionnes expect another bundle from Heaven in latter March or early April.

NEW YORK! Jean Dalrymple, the former wife of Ward Morehouse, the dramatic editor of the N Y Sun - is back in the city - after rushing to Mexico to marry Jose Iturbi, the noted pianist - but upon arrival in Mexico she changed her mind - and walked out on Jose - to remain single. Atta, girl - Jean - buy America!

NEW YORK! Bruno Richard Hauptmann and Mrs Hauptmann would be made wealthy over/^{night} - if they would listen to the various offers that have bombarded them. One news syndicate, alone, offers Hauptmann \$50,000 for his exclusive confession! With the stipulation that it be exactly like the one he delivers, if any, in court at his trial. In reply Hauptmann said: "But I have nothing to confess!" The defense fund, I learn, by contributions already is almost \$150,000.

WASHINGTON, D C. The newspaper editorials are saluting J Edgar Hoover and his Department of Justice men - for their speediest work yet on the solving of the Mrs Berry V

THE JERGENS PROGRAM

9:30-9:45 PM

October 21 1934

Sunday

GRAUER:

The Jergens Program with Walter Winchell, who tells you what's happening -- and why. His column in the New York Daily Mirror and in scores of other newspapers is read by millions. Walter Winchell is presented every Sunday night by the makers of Jergen's Lotion.

Women who know how to make the most of their charms never forget their hands. For hands that are red, rough, or chapped simply ruin an otherwise perfect appearance. Men notice your hands -- and instinctively respond when they are soft and white and smooth.

That's why it's so vital to know ... the skin on your hands is different from ~~any~~ other skin. It has very little natural oil and so dries out quickly. Just a little exposure or work makes your hands coarse, lined, and red.

Jergen's Lotion immediately replaces the lost moisture. It penetrates into the skin cells better than any other lotion tested. It goes into the skin so completely it doesn't leave a trace of stickiness. Jergen's Lotion is the natural quick way of making your hands smooth and soft - and keeping them that way. Get some Jergen's tomorrow at a drug store, department store, or five and ten.

And now - Walter Winchell!

(NINE MINUTES OF WINCHELL SCRIPT)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Winchell asks that you please return the clipping after you have looked it over.

regards,

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

MEMO

To:

Dear John:

I thawt this would amuse you as it did me. This editorial scolds me as using the item "for a sensation".

That's what comes of trying to serve the people in that community with a warning that a POW camp so close to an ordnance plant might cause loss of life, etc.

The paper is the Tulsa World which I used to appear in until I ordered my col'm cancelled because of similar comment.

Regards

Walter Winchell

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SHAKE OUT THE FACTS

Too much talk and too many pumped-up stories concerning the German prisoner camp near Pryor have caused commotion. At present nobody seems to know what occurred there when the prisoners, mostly officers, staged a revolt. Neither is it known how much truth, if any, there may be in the stories of coddling.

For these reasons the request of Sen. E. H. Moore for a war department investigation is just and necessary. The truth should be shaken out of that mess. The stories were very much exaggerated in the first place. The main accusations have been emphatically denied by the authorities. The trouble first became public when a New York gossip columnist, following up the general stories of coddling German prisoners, lit on the Hayes county camp as a good place for a "sensation." The fuss has been going on since, and various trimmings have been added. It has been made to appear that we had here in this area one of the worst sore spots in the country. Many people are at least partially convinced something was wrong. Most of us think the yarns were exaggerated beyond all reason, but, in view of the continuous rumpus, it is advisable to have the whole mess officially aired.

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